

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 2, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

William J. Harris, Acting Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

The matter of the investigation of the sisal situation, as suggested by letter from a sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the United States Senate, was called up, and after discussion, upon motion by Mr. Parry, seconded by Mr. Davies, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That a committee consisting of two members of the Commission be appointed to confer with the Secretary of State, to ascertain if there are any diplomatic or other reasons to prevent action on the part of the Commission; and

Further, That the Advisory Economic Board prepare a plan for investigation, as suggested by said letter.

By unanimous agreement, Messrs. Harris and Parry were directed to confer with the Secretary of State at once regarding the above matter.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 3, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

*J. L. Bracher*  
Secretary.

*W. J. Harris*  
Acting Chairman.

January 3, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 4, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

- Edward N. Hurley, Chairman
- William J. Harris, Vice Chairman
- Joseph E. Davies
- Will H. Parry

A letter to the Attorney General, extending access to our files in connection with the paper investigation, was presented and approved.

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Messrs. Robertson and Merchant appeared before the Commission and explained the present status of the news print paper investigation.

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The matter of the Commission's participation in the sisal investigation, as requested by a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, was again considered, and the Chairman was directed to write a letter to such sub-committee explaining the position and activities of the Commission in regard to such matter.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, January 5, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*Edward N. Hurley*  
 Chairman.

Attest:

*L. H. Bracken*  
 Secretary.

January 5, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 6, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

William J. Harris, Acting Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, and Hon. Mark Hyman, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, were present, and a plan for the cooperation of the Department of Justice and this Commission, in reference to further investigation into the print-paper situation, was discussed.

By unanimous consent it was agreed that Mr. Hyman be put in touch with Mr. Chantland, for the purpose of discussing in detail the data of importance to the Department of Justice; and that all material in the Commission's possession, which Mr. Hyman considered necessary in the investigation by the Department of Justice, be turned over to him.

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Memorandum prepared by Mr. Walter B. Wooden in re lumber investigation was presented to the Commission, whereupon the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Davies, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Part V on Lumber be transmitted formally to the Forest Service, with the statement that it was prepared by the Bureau of Corporations as a part of the lumber investigation, that its value is now historical, and that it has not yet been approved by the Trade Commission; that it is transmitted for the purpose of placing before the Forest Service certain facts in connection with the retail distribution of lumber for their consideration in connection with their present report.

The Commission considered a number of applications for the issuance of complaints, and the following action was taken:

File 1-120: Joseph Kay v. The Fleischmann Co.  
File 1-16: Standard Compressed Yeast Co. v. The Fleischmann Co.  
File 1-134: The Corby Co. v. The Fleischmann Co.

ORDERED, That the Joint Board of Review be directed to secure additional facts, as recommended in their report of August 5, 1916, and then report to the Commission.

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File 1-313: The Silk Association of America v. S. M. Hexter & Co.

Because of similarity of this application with the application of The Silk Association of America v. A. Theo. Abbott & Co. et al (previously assigned to Mr. Davies), it was

ORDERED, that this application be assigned to Mr. Davies.

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File 1-223: Paul A. Pouppeville v. Mutual Chemical Co. of America et al.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, That no further action be taken until ordered by the Commission.

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File 1-266: Golden & Company v. Ernest V. Owens.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, denying the application.

File 1-272: Farmers Lumber Co. v. Plymouth Gypsum Co. et al.

Resolution adopted, directing that the complaint, and the data submitted in support thereof, be submitted to the Department of Justice.

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File 1-248: The B. V. D. Company v. The MacDougall-Southwick Co., et al.

Recommendation contained in report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, denying application on ground that Commission had no jurisdiction.

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File 1-254: Alex Hasler v. Larkin Co.

ORDERED, That this application be referred to the other Commissioners for further and separate consideration and recommendations.

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File 1-208: Murray & McLean v. Stacy-Bismarck Co. and Gamble-Robinson Fruit Co.

Resolution adopted, and application referred to the Department of Justice for such action as the circumstances may dictate.

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ORDERED, That the salary of Gerard C. Henderson be increased to \$1800.00 per annum, to become effective February 1, 1917.

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Mr. Davies moved that the salaries of Messrs. Frank Jones, Adrien F. Busick, and M. Q. Macdonald be increased from \$2750.00 to \$3000.00 per annum, to become effective February 1, 1917.

Motion carried, Messrs. Davies and Parry voting in the affirmative, and Mr. Harris in the negative.

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The matter of increasing the salary of Carlos C. Houghton was discussed, and the matter referred to the Advisory Economic Board for report and recommendations.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, January 8, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

January 7, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 8, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman  
William J. Harris, Vice Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

The Commission entered upon the consideration of the preliminary report in the news print paper investigation, the members of the Advisory Economic Board, and Dr. Merchant, being present.

After the report, as prepared by Dr. Merchant and the Advisory Economic Board, was read, Mr. Davies presented an incomplete draft of recommendations in regard to possible remedial legislation. The substance of the report of the Advisory Economic Board was generally approved, but the report of Mr. Davies was laid on the table for future consideration.

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The matter of preparing a reply to the letter of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry in re sisal investigation was again called up, and the Chairman stated that he would prepare a reply at once, setting forth fully the reasons why it was not deemed expedient for the Commission to send representatives to Yucatan, as requested by Senator Ransdell.


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Thereupon, at the hour 3:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 9, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 9, 1917, 3:00 P. M.

William J. Harris, Acting Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Davies, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the matter of reorganizing the Board of Review, and matters appertaining to the Advisory Economic Board, and the duties of the Chief Examiner, be referred to the Advisory Economic Board, to the Joint Board of Review, and to the Secretary, for them to report with recommendations.

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Letter from Mr. Thurlow M. Gordon, recommending Mr. Robert Szold, of the Department of Justice, for a position in the legal department of the Commission, was presented.

Mr. Davies was directed to confer with Mr. Szold, and report to the Commission.

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ORDERED, That Ralph W. Adamson be employed by the Commission as examiner, at a salary of \$2400.00 per annum, to become effective on his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 10, 1917, at 10:30 a. M.

*W. J. Harris*  
Acting Chairman.

Attest: *W. H. Parry*  
Secretary.

January 10, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 11, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 12, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 13, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 14, 1917. Sunday.  
 January 15, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 16, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 17, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 18, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 19, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 20, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 21, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 22, 1917, 3:00 P. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman  
 William J. Harris, Vice Chairman  
 Joseph E. Davies  
 Will H. Parry

The news print paper report, as revised by the Advisory Economic Board, was read sentence by sentence, and discussed and criticised in detail.

The members of the Advisory Economic Board, and Messrs. Merchant, Chantland, Daly, Hawley and Stevens, were present.

It was agreed that consideration of the report be resumed at 10:30 a. m., January 23d.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 23, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

*J. L. B. Fisher*  
 Secretary.

*Edward Hurley*  
 Chairman.



## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 23, 1917, 10:30 A. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman  
William J. Harris, Vice Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

The invitation of Mr. George H. Mead, and Mr. L. B. Palmer, representatives of the newspaper manufacturers, and publishers, respectively, to attend a meeting of the news-print manufacturers and publishers, to be held in Chicago on January 26, 1917, was discussed, and upon motion of Mr. Harris it was unanimously agreed that the Commission attend such meeting; and further, that Messrs. Harris and Parry go to Canada and ascertain the situation existing between the Canadian Government and the manufacturers of paper before attending the meeting in Chicago.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Messrs. Mead and Palmer by wire that the Commission had accepted their invitation.

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In connection with the news-print situation, Mr. Parry presented a letter from Mr. George H. Mead, concerning the hearing to be held in Chicago, which was received and ordered filed.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 24, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*Edward N. Hurley*  
Chairman.

Attest:

*J. A. Dineen*  
Secretary.

January 24, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 25, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 26, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 27, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 28, 1917. Sunday.  
January 29, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 30, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

William J. Harris, Acting Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

The matter of presenting an estimate, to be a part of the general deficiency appropriation bill, was presented, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to file such estimate through the usual channels, in the amount of \$50,000.

It was also decided to include in such deficiency estimate the sum of \$94.65, the amount paid out by Special Disbursing Agent George Johannes for books and periodicals, which are held by the Auditor to be not allowable.

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At 11:30 a. m. a recess was taken until 3:30 p. m.

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William J. Harris, Acting Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

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The Commission reassembled at 3:30 p. m.

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The matter of accepting a proposition of certain paper manufacturers for a quantity of paper to be distributed to publishers in urgent need of paper, under direction of the Commission, was called up and discussed,

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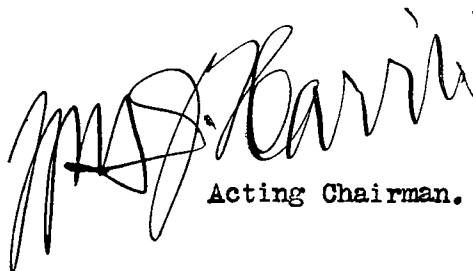
and by unanimous consent the ~~matter~~ was laid on the table until the next meeting.

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The matter of employing Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, Cal., as special counsel to take charge of certain features developed by the Commission's investigation into the news-print paper situation, and other matters, was called up and discussed at length. It was decided to defer action until a future meeting.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 31, 1917.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

January 31, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 1, 1917, 11:00 a. m.

William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

ORDERED, That the Commission meet each morning at ten thirty o'clock, in executive session, and that during such session, or sessions, the members of the Commission shall not be accessible to anyone, and that the entire

time of such meetings be devoted to official matters.

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Mr. Harris' motion, that the matter of cost accounting, and reports on industries, now being carried on by the Commission, be referred to the Department of Commerce, was laid on the table for future consideration.

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The matter of distributing the reports on industries, prepared by the Commission, was called up, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that it would be inadvisable to distribute such reports, or give publicity to any parts thereof.

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Mr. Davies filed a report of a conference with Mr. Frank L. Brown, Secretary of the Mirror Manufacturers' Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, in reference to conditions obtaining in the manufacture of plate mirrors. (See file 8517-88.)

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ORDERED, That W. T. Chantland be appointed Chief Examiner of the Commission, but not to serve on the Joint Board of Review.

Mr. Culbertson, whose place as Chief Examiner is taken by Mr. Chantland, is to continue as Special Counsel, and as a member of the Joint Board of Review.

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ORDERED, That Francis J. Heney, of California, be employed by the Commission as Special Attorney, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, such employment to take effect from this date.

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At 1:00 p. m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 3:00 p. m.

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The Commission reassembled at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

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February 1, 1916.  
February 2, 1916.

William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Parry, was unanimously adopted:

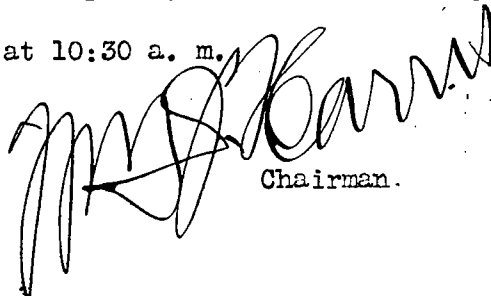
WHEREAS, Information has been given to the Federal Trade Commission that practically all of the manufacturers of nails, tacks and eyelets used in the manufacture of shoes have been, or are about to be, consolidated into an organization known as the Diamond Tack & Nail Company; and

WHEREAS, It is reported that this consolidation will so control the market in its line of commerce that it will have the power to shut off supplies of nails, tacks and eyelets from certain independent shoe manufacturers.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordered that the Chief Examiner be instructed to assign an examiner of the Commission to make such investigation of the facts as will enable the Commission to arrive at a conclusion concerning the steps it should take in the matter.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, February 2, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 2, 1917, 10:00 a. m.

William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

Congressmen Borland, Doolittle, and Kent, together with Mr. Walter Fisher, an attorney of Chicago, appeared before the Commission, and

Congressman Kent presented a letter, dated February 2, 1917, signed by himself, directed to the Commission, to which was attached a copy of a letter written by Edward N. Hurley, under date of January 16, 1917, directed to the President of the United States, in regard to the proposed investigation in response to H. R. No. 389, known as the Borland resolution. The copy of the letter of Mr. Hurley to the President was read, and after discussion each Commissioner stated that this was the first time that the matter had been brought to the attention of the Commission, or any member thereof, and that said letter did not express the views of the Commission, or any member thereof, as at present constituted.

The Commission expressed itself as being in entire accord with the investigation proposed by the Borland resolution, and in order to carry the same into effect ordered that an estimate be prepared for presentation to Congress through the usual channels, asking for an appropriation sufficient to initiate such investigation, and particularly, to carry out that part of the work directed by the Borland resolution referring to the cattle industry. (See file No. 8804).

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Mr. Davies presented a report in regard to a resolution introduced by Congressman Treadway, asking the Commission whether or not the adoption of such resolution would in any way interfere with the Commission's investigation into the anthracite coal industry, and also asking for certain facts preliminary to the sending of our report on such investigation to Congress.

Mr. Davies was directed to state to Mr. Treadway that it would be inadvisable for the Commission to comply with his request. (See file 8546.)

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The Secretary presented several requests for rulings involving the legality of trade associations. After discussion it was decided to consider such matters at a later date.

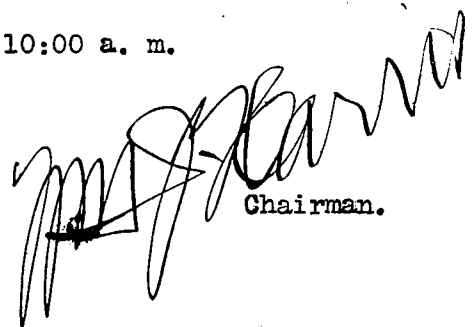
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Mr. Parry presented a memorandum of the Advisory Economic Board, recommending an investigation of the legal phases of the cold storage business, and moved that the recommendations of such Board be adopted.

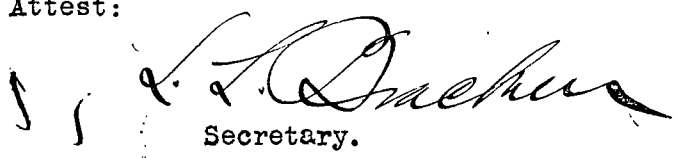
Motion carried, and the matter referred to the Chief Examiner, with directions to give the matter further attention according to the recommendations contained in report. (See file 8823-1.)

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:15 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, February 3, 1917, at 10:00 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

February 3, 1917. No meeting held.

February 4, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 5, 1917, 10:00 a. m.

William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

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Mr. Davies moved that a complaint be prepared and issued in the case of The Corby Company v. The Fleischmann Company, file 1-134.

Carried.

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The action of the Commission in directing that complaints be issued in cases of Fosston Mfg. Co. v. J. L. Owens Company, file 1-96; J. L. Owens Company v. Fosston Mfg. Co., file 1-97, together with a letter from Mr. Hurley requesting that action on the part of the Commission in issuing complaints be reconsidered, was called up, and inasmuch as Mr. Hurley had not brought the matter further to the attention of the Commission, it was decided to proceed and issue complaints.

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ORDERED, That Alexander M. Hamburg, now designated as Examiner, be appointed an attorney, but not to be assigned to the Legal Department as long as his services are needed in the Economic Department.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 11:30 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 6, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*W. J. Harris*  
Chairman.

Attest:

*L. S. Backus*  
Secretary.



## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 6, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will H. Parry

A draft of the letter to the President, to accompany an estimate for an additional appropriation to be used in carrying on the investigation suggested by the Borland Resolution No. 389, was read and approved. (See file 8804)

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Several matters in connection with the Division of Cost Accounting were called up, and after discussion it was agreed that such matters be laid on the table until a conference is held with the Secretary of Commerce, and a determination reached as to whether or not the Division of Cost Accounting shall be transferred to the Department of Commerce.

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The following resolution, directing the issuance of a complaint in the case of the Federal Trade Commission v. The Fleischmann Company, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that The Fleischmann Company has violated, and is violating, the provisions of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act and Sections 2 and 3 of the Clayton Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said Fleischmann Company its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said Fleischmann Company, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 31st day of May, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

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The matter of directing the distribution of paper to publishers in pressing need of same was discussed, and it was agreed to lay the matter on the table for consideration at a meeting to be held Friday, February 9, 1917.

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At 1:00 o'clock p. m. the Commission took a recess until 3:30 p.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
Will E. Parry

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The Commission reassembled at 3:30 p. m.

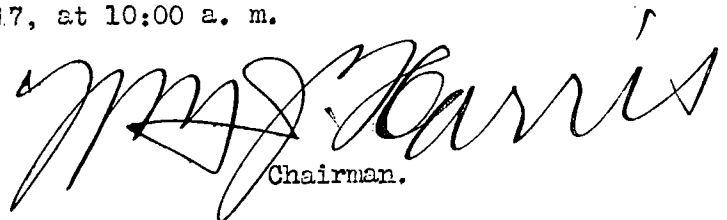
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The Commission conferred in regard to the report of the News-Print Paper Investigation, members of the Advisory Economic Board, Messrs. Chantland, Hawley, and Stevens being present.

It was decided to complete the report, and forward the same to the Senate at the earliest possible date.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 5:45 o'clock p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 7, 1917, at 10:00 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 7, 1917, - 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Davies, and the Secretary, appear before the Appropriations Committee to-day (February 7th), to explain the Commission's estimate for an appropriation, for printing and binding, for the fiscal year 1918.

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ORDERED, That John L. Simpson be permitted to continue his services with the Commission for Relief in Belgium so long as necessary.

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Mr. Davies reported the case of E. J. Smith Company for the issuance of a complaint against H. F. Hildreth, file 1-166.

Report approved, application denied, and file ordered transferred to the Department of Justice.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 11:30 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, February 8, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 8, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

A letter from Mr. Percy W. Bidwell, (file 8102-275) dated February 6, 1917, asking whether or not he might expect future employment with the Commission, was presented, and the Secretary directed to refer the letter to the Advisory Economic Board for its recommendations.

The Secretary was further instructed to request the Advisory Economic Board to report to the Commission in regard to the qualifications of any applicants particularly fitted for work in the Economic Department.

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The Secretary called attention to a promise on the part of the Commission to grant a hearing to the respondent before the issuance of a complaint in the case of The Corby Company v. The Fleischmann Company, file 1-134.

It was unanimously agreed to grant such hearing, the date to be fixed by the Secretary.

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ORDERED, That all official mail of the Commission be signed by the Secretary, except correspondence especially referred to individual Commissioners, or matters coming within their particular knowledge or direction.

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At 1:00 p. m. a recess was taken until 3:00 p. m.

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The Commission reassembled at the hour of 3:00 p. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

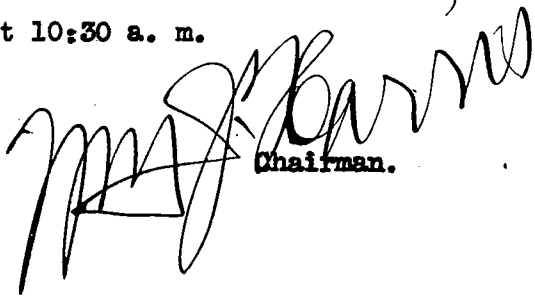
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Chairman Harris presented a letter from the President of the United States, dated February 7, 1917, directing an investigation by the Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, into the production, cost and distribution of foodstuffs, etc., and asking the Commission to prepare an estimate for an appropriation, for submission to Congress, covering the cost of its part of such proposed investigation.

After due consideration, the Secretary was directed to prepare a letter, for the signature of the Chairman, advising the President that the Commission would gladly undertake the investigation as directed by him, and would immediately proceed to comply with his instructions in every detail. (See file 8804.)

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Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, February 9, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

February 9, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
February 10, 1917, - 11:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris  
Will H. Parry

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Messrs. Harris and Parry conferred with the Secretary of Agriculture in reference to a plan of cooperation in conducting an investigation into the production, cost, and distribution of foodstuffs, as directed by the President. At such meeting it was agreed that a committee, selected by the Secretary of Agriculture from his department, would confer with a committee of the Federal Trade Commission, in order to work out the details of a plan for cooperation, and to agree upon an approximate estimate of the cost of such proposed investigation.

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At 12:30 p. m. a recess was taken until 2:00 p. m.

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William J. Harris  
Will H. Parry

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At 2:00 p. m. the meeting was resumed.

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The committee selected by the Secretary of Agriculture conferred with the members of the staff of the Commission at its office, in regard to a plan for the conduct of the proposed investigation into the production, cost and distribution of foodstuffs, as directed by the President.

The question of the cost of such-investigation was also considered.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, February 12, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

*W. H. Parry*  
Secretary.

*W. J. Harris*  
Chairman.

February 11, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 12, 1917, 11:00 a. m.

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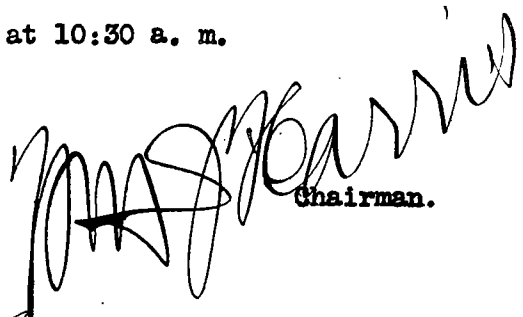
William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry

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The Commission further considered an estimate for an appropriation necessary for the purpose of conducting the proposed investigation into the production, cost and distribution of foodstuffs, as directed by the President, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that \$400,000 would be necessary to initiate such investigation; and it was further agreed that an estimate for an appropriation in this amount be transmitted to the President, for his approval and submission to Congress through the usual channels.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 13, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 13, 1917, 11:00 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry

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The Secretary presented to the Commission drafts of letters to the President, and the Secretary of the Treasury; also, an estimate of an appropriation for the initiation of the investigation into food-stuffs, as directed by the President.

Such letters, and estimate, were approved. (See file 8804.)

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The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Parry, in reference to the special employment of Mr. John F. Bass, of Illinois, were adopted: (See file 8101-4-230.)

WHEREAS, John F. Bass, of Illinois, who is now in Europe, has tendered his services to the Commission to collect in France and England authentic information as to the methods of industrial coordination and of industrial re-organization generally, including the study of working conditions, hours of labor, etc., which have been adopted by those countries for promoting efficiency in time of war; and

WHEREAS, Such information will be of great value to the Commission for its own uses under the powers conferred upon it by paragraph (h) of section 6 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and also to other departments of the Federal Government in the event of war; and

WHEREAS, The Commission reposes trust and confidence in the integrity and judgment of John F. Bass and in his exceptional ability to gather and collate the information above referred to;

IT IS ORDERED, -

That John F. Bass, of Illinois, be and hereby is appointed as Special Agent of the Federal Trade Commission to collect in France and England authentic information as to the methods of industrial coordination and of reorganization generally which have been adopted by those countries to promote efficiency in time of war and to make report thereon to the Federal Trade Commission; provided, however, that this appointment



shall not become effective if the Secretary of State shall, in his wisdom, offer any objection thereto. In the event that the Secretary of State shall offer no objection to the appointment as herein provided, he is hereby requested to cable the Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of France to issue to John F. Bass on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission, to the end that said John F. Bass may immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

I offer the above resolution and move its adoption.

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has this Thirteenth Day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, appointed John F. Bass, of Illinois, as Special Agent of the Commission to collect in France and England authentic information as to the methods of industrial coordination and of industrial reorganization generally which have been adopted by those countries to promote efficiency in time of war and to report thereon to the Commission (said appointment being made, however, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State);

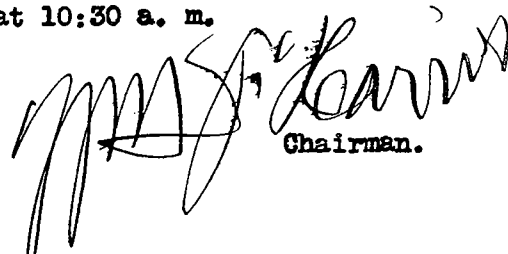
IT IS ORDERED, -

That said appointment be made on the condition that the said John F. Bass shall receive the nominal compensation of One Dollar (\$1.00), said compensation to be in full reimbursement for all his expenses while acting as such Special Agent.

I offer the above resolution and move its adoption.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 14, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

February 14, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 15, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

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ORDERED, That subpoenas be issued and served upon Willett Martin Co., Inc., and its officers; William A. Mehaffey; and Thorne, Neal & Co., Inc., and its officers, directing the production of certain books and records essential and material to the Anthracite Coal Investigation.

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A written proposition (File No. 8813-1-1) of a number of news-print paper manufacturers to have the Commission find, fix, and determine a reasonable price for news-print paper, for the six months beginning March 1st, 1917, and ending September 1, 1917, was presented, and after consideration the following resolution was adopted: (See file 8813-3-1.)

WHEREAS, Manufacturers representing a considerable proportion of the tonnage of news-print paper consumed in the United States have agreed to accept a maximum selling price, and have requested the Commission to find, fix and determine forthwith what price per hundred pounds at the mill would be a fair and reasonable price for the sale of standard news-print paper for use in the United States during the period of time, from March 1, 1917, to September 1, 1917, taking into consideration the increased cost of production and other conditions affecting respective manufacturers which the Commission may deem pertinent at this time, -

NOW THEREFORE, Be it

ORDERED, That in order to determine these questions the Commission will hold a hearing in Washington on Friday, February 23rd, 1917, at 10:30 a. m., at which all companies are requested to appear before the Commission at that time and present such data, argument, etc., as will set forth their position regarding this proposition.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, February 16, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest: *J. E. Davies*  
Secretary.

*W. J. Harris*  
Chairman.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 16, 1917, - 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman.  
Will H. Parry  
Joseph E. Davies

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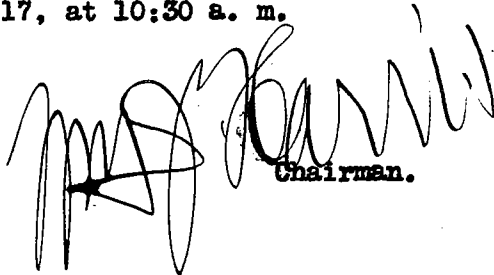
ORDERED, That a publicity statement be issued to-day (February 16, 1917) concerning the proposition of a number of news-print paper manufacturers to accept a maximum selling price for paper, as fixed by the Commission.

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Commissioners Harris and Davies, and the Secretary, were directed to appear before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations to explain the Commission's estimate for a deficiency appropriation.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, February 17, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

